

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase prices and reduce choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a monopoly of the digital satellite system that will be able to dictate to me the prices and services available. Currently, I have a choice among DirecTV, Dish, and cable. This merger will limit me to choosing between the satellite monopoly and the cable monopoly. I need only point to the horrible state of commercial radio due to mergers and deregulation as a comparison.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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